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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1907.

"There is somebody wiser than Napoleon, wiser than Talleyrand. That somebody is everybody."

ELECTION LESSONS.

The independent voters were very much in evidence in the late elections, and leaders in both parties must have been duly impressed. Let us take a survey of the field, beginning with New York. In 1905 the vote for Tilden in New York county was 64,289; for Hearst, 122,292; for McCallan, 149,661. Therefore, it seemed to the Hearst people and the Republicans that it was merely a proposition in simple arithmetic to combine their forces and elect a fusion ticket, for 64,289 plus 122,292 equals 186,581. But they reckoned without the voters, and instead of polling 187,581 votes, the fusionists polled only 117,000 votes. The voters could not be delivered like so many sheep. Many Republicans would not vote with a man whom they had but recently denounced.

There was also much independent voting in Massachusetts.

"This vote made itself felt in a startling manner in Suffolk county," says the Globe. "The straight Democratic nominations for the offices in Suffolk were completely ignored, especially in the case of the district attorneyship. Mr. John B. Moran was re-elected district attorney by an overwhelming vote, simply because the citizens, irrespective of party politics, believed in his honesty of purpose."

Now cast your eye on Kentucky. Normally it is a Democratic State, and before 1892 a Republican victory in Kentucky would have been as much of a surprise as a similar victory in Virginia. In the late campaign Mr. William B. Bryan made two tours through the State, and begged the Democratic voters to stand by their party. But many Democrats had become disgusted with the political situation in Kentucky, and decided that any change must be for the better. So Kentucky went Republican, and it is by no means certain that the Legislature will send Governor Beckham to the Senate.

Look at Cleveland, O. There was powerful opposition to Mayor Tom Johnson. The big interests were against him. President Roosevelt used his influence against him. But the independents were with him, and even the President could not whip them into line.

Look at San Francisco. The gang had had the city in its clutches for years, but an independent ticket was nominated and triumphantly elected.

Party organization is necessary, and the great majority of American voters believe in it. But there are many voters who will not follow the party in a course which they believe to be wrong, and it not infrequently happens that the independents hold the balance of power.

This is not meant to be an essay on party ethics. It is intended to point out a few object-lessons in the recent elections.

"LET ME REFLECT."

It is said that President Roosevelt has greatly changed since the late financial crisis in New York, and that when he was last seen in public his jaunty air had disappeared, and his bearing was that of a sobered, reflective man. It is further reported that hereafter his motto will be, "No abandonment of policy, but modification of methods."

We do not vouch for these rumors, but there is little doubt that recent events have brought Mr. Roosevelt to serious reflection. A while back we hear him denouncing the malfactors of great wealth, and boasting that his "policy" would be continued, even though business should be driven to the wall; a little later we find him and his Secretary of the Treasury working side by side with Morgan, Rockefeller & Company to avert a disaster to which he had but recently seemed so indifferent. Later still we find him in conference with representatives of the United States Steel Corporation, discussing another acute situation, and finally agreeing, according to report, that he would not prosecute the steel trust if it should absorb its competitor in business, the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company. After the conference the deal was announced, and it was further announced that by this deal the company absorbed and two trust companies which held its power had been saved from ruin. Would the steel trust have dared to approach the President with such a proposal six months ago? And if so

would he have consented to it? But in the emergency, what else could he have done? To have refused would have precipitated another panic. One blow from his big stick at that time would have knocked several institutions down, with other consequences which could not be reckoned. The crisis which the President had invited put him in a position where he was compelled to treat with the steel trust and accept its terms; and it must have been a bitter pill.

If these experiences have not sobered Mr. Roosevelt he must be made of strange stuff. He may never be convinced that his intemperate speeches had anything to do with bringing on the recent panic; he may still think that his "fountain of fulminations" was a spring of righteousness, but if Mr. Roosevelt is made of ordinary clay he must have asked himself more than once, in the still watches of the night, if he could not have discharged his full duty as chief executive officer and vindicated the law without alarming the nation, shaking public confidence and destroying values.

A police officer who should fire into a crowd, wound women and children, and cause a disastrous stampede in order to capture a criminal would hardly be justified in a court of justice.

VIRGINIA JUSTICE.

The decision of the Court of Appeals in the case of J. D. Uzzle, colored, of Accomac, shows that Virginia justice is no respecter of races. Uzzle was convicted of maliciously shooting a white man, and was sentenced to a term in the penitentiary. He was editor of a newspaper, and it was charged that articles published by him were responsible for the negro outbreak at Onancock some time ago. Feeling against him was naturally very strong, and he claims that he did not have a fair trial. After the verdict was rendered he applied through counsel to the Court of Appeals for a writ of error and superseas, and obtained it. The highest court in the State is determined that he shall have justice and every benefit of law provided in such cases.

The Constitution of Virginia declares that in all criminal prosecutions a man hath a right to demand the cause and nature of his accusation, to call for evidence in his favor, and to a speedy trial by a jury of his peers, without whose unanimous consent he cannot be found guilty. That law applies to every person accused of felony, without regard to race, and, upon application, the Court of Appeals will see to it that there is no denial of its benefits.

Men that are born of women are very fickle. The crowd which cheers Brutus for his patriotism a little later, under the spell of Antony's oratory, are crying for Brutus's blood.

In a recent speech in Brooklyn Senator McCarran had undertaken to demonstrate that President Roosevelt was responsible for last week's panic. It was Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rockefeller, he said, that saved the situation. The crowd rose to its feet and cheered—not Theodore Roosevelt, but John D. Rockefeller!

Is Saul also among the prophets?

Cleveland, O., has in this instance given the President a rebuff which he distinctly invited and thoroughly deserved.—Lynchburg News.

New York also gave him a gentle tap. On the other hand, Kentucky and Nebraska went Republican in spite of Mr. Bryan's efforts to save them to Democracy. It seems to be a sort of stand-off between these two distinguished leaders.

Since the open season for game in Virginia began, one week ago to-day, the turnstile shows that just 1,374,871 amateur hunters from Alabama, Tennessee, Texas, Georgia and the Carolinas have, in their ignorance, invaded this State panting to get next to the "possum preserves of Old Virginia."

Alleging improper collusion and evasion of the law, the revenue officers have raided sixteen distilleries in Southern and Western Virginia during the past few days. We do wish that all these North Carolina liquor people would stay at home to run their old stills.

Mr. Roosevelt was anxious to have Theodore Burton elected Mayor of Cleveland, but it was Tom Johnson who won out. A good deal is successful in this country besides dishonesty.

Remember, no matter how fierce be the struggle to make both ends meet, that we are living in times of marvelous prosperity. The Republicans say so themselves.

The superb turkeys of Old Virginia are also the only turkeys in the world that will be worth ten times the price that people are paying for them this year.

Now they figure that the Panama Canal is going to cost \$24,000,000, which, when you come to think of it, is pretty tough on our great-grandchildren.

Willy Randolph Hearst says that he has "retired from politics permanently." This is believed to be the first retiring thing that Willy ever did.

The Savannah News opines that "the lapse of years will make a difference in the middle of Panama." Little difference in the mud, however.

Boston people are paying 40 cents a pound for turkey, and it is Massachusetts turkey, or turkeyine, at that. Poor old Boston!

If the human race is soon to become legless, as one scientist predicts, what will be the sport of being a chauffeur?

If George were still with us, alive and hale, we should just like to see anybody try to crowd Cincinnati on him.

"In God We Trust" has been dropped from new \$10 gold pieces, as of course you noticed.

Also, honesty is about the best of all policies.

CASORIA.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Beware of Imitations
Signature of *Wm. D. Wadley*

Rhymes for To-Day.

A SAD DUTY.
LADY, come sing me a half-dozen dirges,
Ditto six requiems dreadful yet arch,
Sing me some threnody known to sad clerics,
Pipe me a piffling funeral march.
(Do I feel sad? No, I feel gladly:
I have no grip nor the blues—never fear!
But it's November—don't you remember?
So we must sing of "the fast-dying year.")

What have you weepy in your reportories?
Pick me the tearfullest, Lady, you've got.
Where are your slow-singing death-bed dirges,
Harp me the terriblest six in the lot.

(Aye, make this column fearful and solemn—
Tune it to mournfullest tragedy, dear.)

For 'tis November—take up the ember!
Do the square thing by "the fast-dying year."
H. S. II.

MERELY JOKING.

The Original Nature Fakes.
After a careful and impartial consideration of all the evidence bearing on the subject, the investigating committee reports that, notwithstanding their long life and apparent respectability, the following are undoubtedly nature fakes:

The bull in the china shop.
The wolf at the door.
The fly in the ointment.
The dog in the manger.
The fish out of water.
The hen in the henhouse.
The flea in the ear.
The rat that was smelted.
The chorus girl's lobster.
Horse and horse.
The Welsh rabbit.
The man on a lark.

They are accordingly deleted from the White House book and will receive no further official recognition.—Indianapolis News.

The Latest Program.

"How do you expect to get people to vote for you if you don't hustle?"
The friends answered Senator Sorghum: "The time has come when we must act with danger. The way to do now is to act modest, and let the opposition keep talking until it wears itself out saying something clumsy."—Washington Star.

To Cure Wakefulness.

"Doctor," said the stranger, as he entered the consultation room, "I don't know what the trouble is, but I can't sleep at night."
"Is this your occupation?"
"I'm an ice dealer," replied the other.

"Pardon me," replied the pill compiler, "but you should consult a minister. I can't undertake to relieve your conscience."—Chicago News.

Did She.

"Did she give you any encouragement?"
"Well," said she, "she thought bright girls ought to marry simple-minded men."—Hudson Post.

The Holy Fly.

Hidden was watching some flies on the window-pane, when she called to her mother: "Mamma, come and see if this is the bosom fly?"
"The bosom fly, child! What kind of a fly is that?"
"Oh, the one they sang about in church last Sunday—'Let me to Thy bosom fly.'"
The Circle.

All He Cared For.

Senator A.—"And do most of your constituents think as you do on this question?"
Senator X.—"Well, most of them think as they think I do."—Somerville Journal.

BACK AT THE TIMES-DISPATCH.

THE Richmond Times-Dispatch thinks that Edward Swann, who offered to be a fuse that \$300,000 offered by a lady on condition that it give up intercollegiate athletics, well, if he would make a look in this direction, we beg to say that we think we might, under certain conditions, furnish a few athletic exercises for the rest of our days.—Farmville Herald.

The Richmond Times-Dispatch says that 10,000 commit the crime of murder in the United States every year. Hang them!—Houston Chronicle.

The Times-Dispatch in a recent editorial discourses upon whether a woman may be both pretty and sensible, or, in other words, of beauty and intellect combine in the feminine person? That's too much like playing with dynamite or pulling a lion's tail for a mere man to meddle with. We suggest in that connection that a pretty woman, whether intellectual or imbecile, can often make a fool of a smart man.—Franklin News.

"Away off in this land of sunshine and aridity, where the cactus takes the place of the old field pine, where it is hard to believe that there ever was a tree or a spring, where manna is a substitute for sawpaw, where wood is dug out of the ground and water taken from the mountain tops, where the tame supplants the ginger cake, where enchiladas and tortillas take the place of apple butter and hoe cake, it is sweet to know that, now and then, there comes an Overseer and the Richmond Times-Dispatch, continue to dispute over the merits of Webster's spelling book, metaphysics, bloodhounds and prohibition, and yet each continues to love the other as itself."—El Paso (Tex.) News.

A Good Compromise.

The Richmond Times-Dispatch calls attention to the growth of sentiment in favor of compulsory education. After referring to the efforts making in Alabama to enact such a law, it says: "The demand for compulsory school attendance is growing in Virginia also. Our people are not yet ready for a general law on the subject, but some sections favor it and it is highly probable that a local optional measure will be introduced in the next Legislature and carried. This will give to each and every community the right to decide by popular vote whether or not compulsory attendance shall prevail." This method might satisfy the majority of voters in either Southern States, where the sentiment in favor of compulsory education is not yet strong enough to justify a general law.—Columbia State.

Typographical.

I-SE CAPITALS I LIKE TO ROAM—
SEE GREAT MEN FACE TO FACE—
BUT MY TIMES FAIL TO SEE AT ALL—
I'm but a lower case—Puck.

POEMS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Prof. Charles Eliot Norton.

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I Saw from the Beach.

By THOMAS MOORE.

I saw from the beach, when the morning was shining,
A bark o'er the waters moving gloriously on;
I came when the sun o'er that beach was declining,
The bark was still there, but the waters were gone.

And such is the fate of our life's early promise,
So passing the spring-tide of joy we have known;
Each wave, that we danced on at morn'g from us,
And leaves us, at eve, on the bleak shore alone.

Ne'er tell me of glories serenely adorning
The close of our day, the calm eve of our night—
Give me back, give me back, the old freshness of morning,
Her clouds and her tears are worth Evening's best light.

Oh! who would not welcome that moment's returning,
When passion first waked a new life through his frame,
And his soul—like the wood that grows precious in burning—
Gave out all its sweets to love's exquisite flame!

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SOCIAL and PERSONAL

THE GOVERNOR and Mrs. Swannson will be at home Wednesday evening, from 8 to 11 o'clock, at the Executive Mansion, in honor of Major-General and Mrs. Frederick D. Grant.
The invitations sent out are very handsome, and bear the Virginia coat-of-arms in relief. The Governor and Mrs. Swannson are gratified to have so many guests, and to have the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Grant, a sister-in-law of Mrs. Ellen Watkins Perrin.
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The Fleet family is of Virginia, and is quite distinguished here. Colonel Fleet is a graduate of the University of Virginia, and was for eleven years professor of Greek in the University of Missouri. Culver Military Institute is one of the most noted military schools in the country. Recently the boys of the school passed through Richmond on their way to visit the Jamestown Exposition.

ACCEPTS FOUNTAIN

Mayor McCarthy So Notifies the National Humane Alliance, of New York, that his gift of a drinking fountain had been accepted by the Council. The fountain will be placed at the triangle made by Brook Avenue, Broad and Adams Streets, and will be handsomely decorated in the event as well. The Alliance is making similar presentations to other cities, for that reason, however, is not clearly explained.

At Beth Abnahn.
The services at Beth Abnahn begin on Friday evening at 8 o'clock and on Saturday morning at 10:45 o'clock. Rabbi "Calisto" will deliver the services. This evening his subject will be "The Ideal in Judaism." To-morrow he will speak on the topic, "Put Yourself in His Place."

MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP
Has been used by Millions of Mothers for their children while teething, and has cured all cases of colic, wind, and all the best of the best.

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